

## **Wilson Announces COPS Secure Our Schools Grants**

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) is pleased to announce that the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) will be awarding over \$200,000 to local governments in Ohio's Sixth District under the Secure Our Schools (SOS) grant program.

SOS grants provide funding to assist state and local governments in obtaining school safety resources and equipment, as well as establishing and enhancing a variety of school safety programs. Each SOS grant is two years in duration.

In Ohio's Sixth District, the City of Athens will receive a \$138,058 SOS grant, the Village of Beverly will receive \$11,217, and Boardman Township will receive \$67,216.

"This is great news for Athens, Beverly, and Boardman," Wilson said. "We can all agree that maintaining safe learning environments for our children is in everyone's best interest. Teaching our kids about school safety not only keeps them engaged but also helps to promote safe communities."